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Applicants: Burr et al. Serial No.: 10/675,446 Filed: September 30, 2003 Title: Communication Bus Suitable For use in a Hazardous Area of a Process Plant	 I hereby certify that this paper (along) with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via EFS-Web to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below: Dated: October 21, 2009
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 21, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office action dated July 21, 2009. This response is therefore timely filed within the period of response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.